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Playschoolers get set for Easter

Elk Point Jack and Jill Playschool students got on the bunny trail at their Easter party, when they enjoyed working on colourful baskets. The Easter basket and the goodies to fill them were donated by Tammy Elkow from the County of St. Paul FCSS. The kids had a great time finding a home for the baby chicks and eggs in baskets filled with brightly-hued Easter grass.

Town council looking forward with five-year business plan

By Vicki Brooker
Review Staff

The results of a planning session last September were released to the public at the Town of Elk Point's recent open house, and gave ratepayers a glimpse into what the community hopes to be five years down the road.

Council developed a vision statement for 2013, when they see Elk Point as "a proud, vibrant and environmentally friendly community enjoying the benefits of a diversified economy."

Their mission is to "sustain organized and progressive growth while maintaining a safe and caring environment for citizens of Elk Point and future generations by ensuring the provision of essential services, programs and investment opportunities."

The process began with a SWOT analysis, cataloguing town council's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats

Their strengths were seen as being approachable and respectful, which have the impact of providing "true community impact in our decisions" but are time-intensive, and leadership and diversity, which brings about balanced decision-making and the ability to stay on task. In order to

retain and build on these strengths, council plans to continue to acknowledge and share community concerns, to work toward better time management on an individual basis, and to recruit, mentor and train new councillors as they come on board.

Weaknesses were seen as being that 60 per cent of the current council is "new to the game" and that all of them are spread too thin with committee work, which lead to lack of input and less than satisfactory outcomes. To overcome this, council feels it is important for the newer councillors to devote time and commitment to learning the job and for council to evaluate committee involvement, to prioritize and to alternate attendance when appropriate.

New residents and community growth were seen as the primary opportunity, bringing more demand for services and the potential for new volunteers and community leaders. To get the newcomers on board, council plans to host meet-and-greet sessions, to assess the newcomers' needs. A FCSS questionnaire could be used and additions to the water bill lineup could be used to prepare a list of newcomers for further contact.

The highway through town was also seen as an opportunity for increased tourism and trade, and council plans to

incorporate it into the town plan and to ensure this area is "an eye-popper."

Threats the community were seen as surrounding larger communities with their attractions and box stores, which take money out of town, and a perceived lack of work ethic in local youth, resulting in poor service or lack of service. To mitigate these threats, council feels they need to determine "how we can go the extra mile for our customers and deliver on our service promises," and to work with employers the chamber of commerce and Economic Development to set expectations for services.

Secondly, council undertook a PEST assessment, analyzing trends in political, economic, social and technological fields, and how to cope with each.

Politically, there have been younger elected officials with professional backgrounds at the municipal level, making these individuals more aggressive and more politically aware, and council plans to get on board with this political style. Downloads of responsibility from the province to municipal governments, where "some money follows but not enough," bring with them higher expectations from residents, and council must prioritize and spend their resources wisely to overcome this.

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Province-wide speed enforcement campaign set for April

RCMP, along with their enforcement partners, will be stepping up their efforts in April to reduce speed related-injuries and deaths on Alberta roads.

In 2008, almost one out of every four fatal crashes involved driving at a speed unsafe for the road conditions. Statistically speed related collisions rise dramatically in April and carry through the remainder of the year.

"Speeding is one of the most common causes of collision on Alberta's streets and highways. Our goal is to bring awareness to Albertans about the seriousness of speeding," says Inspector James Stiles, Officer in Charge, "K" Division Traffic Services. Throughout April, RCMP members and police agencies across the province will be doing vehicle checks focusing on speeding. Despite the risks to safety that speeding causes, the fines and demerit points assessed to a driver for speeding can be substantial. And speeding past emergency vehicles or construction workers will see a speedfine doubled.

Unless otherwise posted, general speed limits in Alberta are:

- 100 km/h is the maximum speed limit for a primary-highway that is located outside an urban area
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"Collisions involving high speed and the ensuing death and injury have always shocked and saddened Albertans, whenever they occur. Please obey all posted speed limits and use common sense - slow down in bad weather, at night, and when driving on poorly lit roadways," says Inspector James Stiles, Officer in Charge, "K" Division Traffic Services.

Town five-year plan

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In the area of the economy, council agreed that "the have and have-not gap is widening," and the community has both high and low income families. This results in a need for a range of goods and services to serve all income levels, and council acknowledges that high income earners are likely to shop elsewhere. To mitigate this, council plans to encourage diversification and growth, to encourage service orientation, to develop a growth plan and "fill in the gaps," to identify and build on Elk Point's positive aspects, and to take advantage of big box stores in adjacent towns.

Social trends include an increased Aboriginal population in town, which increases the demand for services, sport and recreational interests, and sustains our local health services. Affordable housing and increased recreational

activities and opportunities were seen as a potential outcome.

Technologically, Elk Point has library internet access, which is beneficial to both travelers and local residents, a motel with wireless internet, which is also beneficial to the traveling public, and the capability in town for videoconferencing, which provides increased communication with less travel to access it. Elk Point's economic development action plan is expected to reflect these trends.

A visioning process brought forward council's answers to the question, "what difference with Elk Point town council make in this community over the next five years?" Councillors saw changes in infrastructure, including a state-of-the-art administration building, in population, ranging from sustained growth to a 30 per cent increase in population, in

the community itself, with a busy main street, Highway 41 "declaring that Elk Point is open for business," a diversified economy, increased tourism, an environmentally friendly 'green community', a Communities in Bloom award, and a wide array of housing options. Lifestyle improvements for all ages were noted, with councillors predicting a senior-friendly town with increased accessibility, a town where youth feel valued, where healthier options exist for physical well-being, where there is an active and supported cultural centre, and where citizens take pride in their community. Wireless access for both visitors and citizens, and seniors becoming more "internet-savvy" were also predicted.

Council then set five goals, each with strategies to achieve them. The first of these is to ensure that "People in the community feel safe and secure," and comes with strategies of ensuring a range of housing options would be available, re-establishment of the Citizens On Patrol (COPS) Program, encouraging the RCMP's enforcement of the curfew bylaw, and hiring of a bylaw officer.

The second goal was to have Elk Point's roadways serve current highway and downtown businesses and act as an incentive to new

business. This could be achieved by having an array of appropriate signage, development of a highway and downtown improvement/beautification plan, and becoming a Communities in Bloom participant.

Goal three was to ensure that water and sewer infrastructure meet the needs of the growing community, with a 24/7 water supply, upgrading of the water treatment plant and replacement and upgrading of old water lines.

Their fourth goal was to have town council as an informed decision-making body, by developing an effective internal communication plan, developing an effective public input process and creating a third annual public social function around Volunteer Week.

The fifth and final goal was to capitalize on Elk Point's best community features by developing an effective marketing plan.

Each strategy came with implementation steps, timelines, resources and the name of a council or staff member who would be responsible for the process.

Work is already underway on a number of the strategies, showing council's commitment to the task they have set for themselves in the coming years.

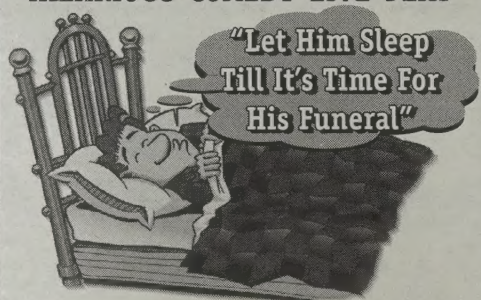
National Volunteer Week April 19 - 25, 2009



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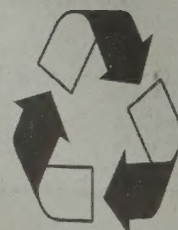
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Provincial Budget is as good as could be expected

By SHAUNA BURKE
Review Contributor

On Tuesday the provincial government introduced a budget with a \$4.7-billion deficit, the province's first in 16 years and its largest ever. In the subsequent two years, deficits are projected at \$2.4 billion and \$1.8 billion, respectively. With the 11 percent drop in revenues caused by a decline in the price of oil, the provincial conservatives chose to dip into the sustainability fund to make up this year's budget shortfall instead of cutting programs or increasing income or business taxes.

"This is a very good budget considering that these are very challenging times and that revenues are down," said Ray Danyluk MLA for Lac La Biche-St. Paul and minister of Municipal Affairs. "The emphasis of this budget is to keep Albertans working."

"I don't think the province could have done anything else," explained Doug Lamb, president of the St. Paul Chamber of Commerce. Lamb attended the Alberta Chamber of Commerce's MLA dinner on April 7, which saw attendance from most of the government caucus, including Finance Minister Iris Evans.

"Increasing taxes would not have been a good choice. The sustainability fund is there for this reason," said Lamb but added that "however when oil rebounds we need to rebuild the sustainability fund again."

Municipalities

Municipalities face reduced funding for the Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) and changes to the education property tax. The MSI is a decade-old government-funding program that helps municipalities meet their growth-related challenges and long-term sustainability. Every year the

funding has increased, but this year it has decreased by \$100 million.

Ron Boisvert, CAO of the town of St. Paul said that last year the town received \$823,582 from the MSI grant. "We will not know exactly how much less we will have this year for another two weeks," said Boisvert. "It will mean reductions in both the operating and capital budgets." The operating budget includes expenses and donations to charities while the capital budget is mainly infrastructure projects.

"Last year the MSI funds were 500 million and ... in this years budget it's 400 million," explained Danyluk. "Remember that construction rates are 30 per cent lower."

He explained that some of this loss could be negated through possible federal/provincial programs. "Funds have been set aside to match the federal grants," Danyluk added. The Building Canada Fund is funded one-third federally, one-third provincially and one-third municipally.

"We are hoping to find ways to shore up funds to municipalities that do not get the extra funding to ensure equity in funding," added Danyluk.

Education

In education the budget is "as good as could be expected," said Darrell Youngmans, chairman for the St. Paul School Board. "However we might need to tighten up in some areas." He explained that there were increases to base instruction and classroom size funding, +4.8 percent and to the transportation, operation and maintenance of +3 percent. There may be more delays in funding for upgrades to the Two Hills Mennonite School, confirmed Youngmans as there is new money for capital projects but he said that all the projects currently approved will go ahead. Youngmans was also concerned by no increase in funding for students

with sever disabilities.

Health Care

While there was an increase in funding for health care, there is concern about the elimination of funds for chiropractic services. "We are sad that the government was not able to continue to fund this service," said Dr. J. Coleman, Coleman Chiropractic. "But it's not personal, it's business. The government had to make some hard choices."

Seniors and handicapped

Both seniors and severely handicapped individuals can expect modest increases from the province. Assured Income for the severely handicapped (AISH) payments will increase \$100 bring the monthly payment to \$1,188. Seniors benefits increase by \$40 for singles and \$60 for couples, for a total monthly payment of \$280 and \$420 monthly, respectively.

"Really this just covers the increases in the cost of living," said Conrad Jean who works with SPAN's outreach program.

Liquor and Tobacco

Smokers and drinkers may have already noticed an increase in tobacco and liquor as the tax increase took place at midnight on Tuesday. A carton of cigarettes increased by \$3 to \$40 a carton. Wine prices jumped 75 cents a bottle, liquor \$2.85 a bottle and \$1.30 for a 12-pack of beer.

Local playschools face a challenging road ahead

By JANICE HUSER
Review Contributor

Since before the beginning of this school year, both the St. Paul and Elk Point playschool societies have been dealing with unstable futures. The two groups are currently operating, but neither group knows exactly where they will operate in the coming years.

The Elk Point Jack and Jill Playschool Association is currently offering its program thanks to space being rented through the Elk Point Elks. However, the society did lose a couple kids this year due to a late start, and has experienced an increase in operating costs because of higher rent.

And although the St. Paul Friends of Playschool

Society had a slightly better start this year, they are currently located at the St. Paul Regional High School, knowing a permanent future

in the school is not in the cards.

"We kind of have a few things coming at us from different angles," says Vera

Nunweiler, chairperson of the St. Paul Friends of Playschool Society Executive Committee.

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Victim Services

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EDITORIAL

Snow goes trash remains

Isn't it amazing how much snow has disappeared in the past week? Compared to southern Alberta, there is still quite a lot here, but compared to a week ago here, there is next to nothing.

However, when the snow disappears, we may well find ourselves faced with an unbelievable accumulation of trash that has appeared from nowhere over the winter. Pets, wind and passing vehicles or pedestrians all contribute to this unsightly situation.

Fortunately, with the coming of warmer weather, we are able to get out and clean up, and get some fresh air as a reward. After a long, tedious winter, we are all likely to use any excuse possible to get outdoors and into the sunshine, and thus put off doing our income tax for a few more hours or days.

Of course, we are equally likely to put off the yard cleanup, if a flake or two of snow or a few drops of rain start coming down.

Yard cleaning or income tax? That's a tossup for you. Both are inevitable, and with the World Curling over, we're all running out of excuses. Time to get 'er done!

WAY BACK WHEN...

Cable TV, teaching excellence, great gymkhana

HERE'S THE NEWS THAT MADE THE HEADLINES OF THE LAKELAND REVIEW AND ELK POINT REVIEW FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 14 IN...

1984

Elk Point OORP hosted the 1984 district meeting, presided over by District Deputy Shirley Fedechko, with 95 ladies in attention... Elk Point was among 28 Alberta and 11 Saskatchewan communities approved to receive four American network channels out of Detroit as satellite cable television came to town.

1989

Town council announced plans to construct two additional soccer fields north of the arena, as the local soccer program was proving very popular... Promotion was at the top of the chamber of commerce agenda, with a videotape to be shown at trade shows and new postcards in the planning stages.

1994

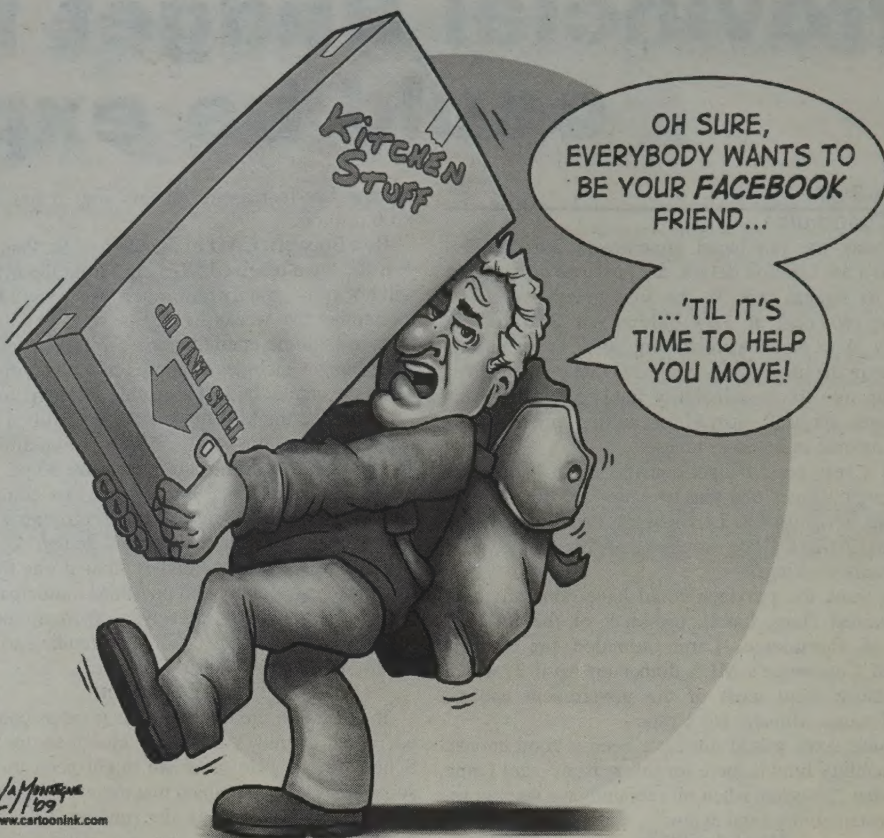
A sure sign of spring was golf on the town council agenda, with a delegation asking council to waive the \$3,000 annual lease fee so that the golf club could make improvements to the course. Cheri Lindquist of F. G. Miller High School won a Provincial Excellence in Teaching award.

1999

The inaugural season of gymkhana series at the C. G. Baker Memorial Arena was a big success, with up to 47 riders turning out to compete in the various events once a month from October through March... The chamber of commerce set their community-wide garage sale date to coincide with the 4-H achievement day and the Auto Club Show and Sine.

2004

Elk Point Elementary School made short work of the winter's accumulation of trash in their schoolyard when they held a spring cleaning blitz... The Canada Day parade route was revised for a second time in as many meetings, when the previous revision did not sit well with the community.



GUEST COLUMN

Spring is here?

The first day of Spring – March 21 didn't really happen for us. Snow and cold weather were Mother Nature's gift on that day. So today, can we say Spring has finally come? Is the snow gone and do we have the hint of green grass? It's all a maybe! Anyway, this time of year, we are thinking about Spring weather, whether or not we have it! Ball and soccer registrations are taking place – so it must be Spring! Right?



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EASTHOPE
from the FCSS desk

When some of us think of Spring, we think of the birth of new calves, baby sheep, chickens, etc. I found a cute story about sheep by Emily Freeman.

"I come from a long line of shepherds. My father wanted us to understand this part of our heritage, so as we were growing up our family kept a small flock of sheep.

One of the sheep I will never forget had the name of "Big Mama." She earned this title because she was the leader of the flock. Each spring brought changes to the flock as new lambs were born and older lambs would be sold, but Big Mama remained a constant. She loved my dad. It did not matter where she was on the one-acre patch of ground where we kept the sheep, when she heard him call she would come running. She had a very uncommon bleat, and my dad could mimic it exactly. And so he would call, and she would answer, and when she came, the rest of the flock would follow.

One morning my dad woke me up early and said that the sheep had gone missing. They had found a hole in the fence and had wandered off. My dad had already driven through the surrounding streets but had not seen them anywhere. He had concluded that they must have wandered through

the fields and joined a flock of more than one hundred other sheep about a mile away from our home. He wanted me to come with him to talk to the farmer and to see if we could retrieve our sheep. The farmer was not pleased to see my father. Our sheep were not marked, and unfortunately, neither were his. To him all of the sheep looked exactly the same, with black faces and white wool, and he wanted to know how my day thought he would be able to prove which were ours.

My dad tried to explain that his sheep would come when he call

ed, and the farmer just shook his head. My dad climbed up on the tailgate of our old white truck and started to bleat. I wish you could have seen the look on that farmer's face.

The first and second calls were followed by silence. I have to admit I was a little worried. Our sheep were probably happy to find so many new friends. I wondered how important my day would be to Big Mama now. But my dad wasn't worried – he kept calling. And finally, from the back corner of the field there was the familiar reply. My dad repeated the call loudly and consistently as Big Mama made her way through the huge flock, followed by our other lambs. The farmer watched in amazement and then helped us load our sheep into the back of the truck so that we could take them home.

This is one story about what happens in spring time. I am sure our farmer friends who are calving at this time with their cattle could tell us any number of stories about their favorite animals. Yes animals do recognize the voices of their "guardians".

Spring also brings out the "walkers". Now remember it is spring, so pace yourself. You are your own guardian. Be patient. Start with a little walk at first. Increase it as your strength builds. Be careful and don't compare yourself to others. Listen to your own voice. A walk in the spring brings out the newness in you as well as in all the new birth of Spring. It's a great season. So to all – have a happy spring!

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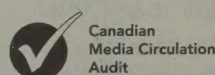


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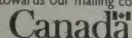
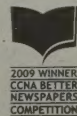
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Stakeholders help plan trail's future

By VICKI BROOKER

Staff Writer

Results have now been compiled from the Feb. 1 Iron Horse Trail strategic planning workshop in St. Paul, where 25 stakeholders, including five who declared themselves "forever volunteers," gathered to help identify and prioritize some of the challenges that the trail faces in the coming years.

Alberta's Lakeland Destination Marketing Organization (DMO) and Alberta's Iron Horse Trail, organizers of the event, report that it was a very productive day and the input was much appreciated.

More than 50 answers emerged when participants were divided into groups and asked the question, "In 2012, what do you want to be able to say about the Iron Horse Trail?" Cards stating everything from "21st century outhouses" to "public or private development of activity notes that provide challenge activities such as BMX or rock climbing wall" quickly filled one wall of the County of St. Paul's meeting room.

The groups were then asked what needs to occur in the next few years in order for the trail to be an even greater success. This time, answer cards were sorted into categories, and each participant received five coloured dots to vote for the categories they felt took priority.

Nineteen votes went to the heading, "Confirmed provincial/municipal partnership with sustainable funding," with answers in that group suggesting a regional approach to support of recreational corridor recommendations, such as sustainable funding for trails, and that stakeholders lobby the provincial government for dedicated, sustainable funding.

Seventeen votes went to "promote economic development opportunities through communication to business, community and user groups." Suggestions included sponsorship entrance signs to the trail from each community at the beginning points of the trail in Waskatenau, Cold Lake and Heinsburg, using the Iron Horse Trail as a venue, as promotional and marketing tool, and that economic devel-

opment could sell the advantage of the trail, including signs, website ads and opportunities, to businesses.

Another 17 votes went to "Develop comprehensive communication plan to promote awareness of Alberta's Iron Horse Trail." Development of a comprehensive communication plan, continued communications with MLAs and other political influencers to keep trails front and centre, development of an information package for business people, community organizations and local governments, and implementation of an aggressive, enhanced web marketing initiative were suggested under this heading.

Sixteen votes went to trail improvements and maintenance, where suggestions included surface improvements, identifying what constitutes an acceptable surface and then setting an acceptable standard, completion of the Cold Lake staging area and northeast branch interaction between North East MuniCorr, the Riverland Recreational Trail Society and Cold Lake, repair of soft patches on the trail from St. Paul to Heinsburg, and development of a cold-pour surface that makes a firm surface, after exploring the environmental impacts.

A dozen votes went to "Develop a volunteer recruitment strategy that will include the Pass program, organized events and stewardship." An Olympic Iron Horse Trail torch urn, using modern and traditional transportation, with the flames of torches carried along all three branches of the trail touching the Olympic torch, was a unique suggestion under this heading. Growing of the volunteer pass program to get more people aware and involved and a large annual prize to encourage participation was also suggested, along with recruitment plans for volunteers and trail stewards.

Promotion of trail networks and access routes earned ten votes. Connection of the IHT with the Victoria Trail at Métis Crossing and Victoria Settlement, cooperation with municipalities to create links to off-trail attractions, and linking trails by presentations on the advantages of doing so, were among the suggestions listed.

Eight votes went to "promote ownership and sustainability through education," which could be achieved by a quarterly ad campaign to educate trail users and to promote safety, International Trail Day events and fundraisers and a detailed education plan for all ages.

Another eight went to "Gain provincial approval on signage," to be achieved by developing and establishing bed-and-breakfast facilities with the Northeast Natural Resource Society in Lac La Biche, encouraging entrepreneurial investment in trail users' support services, development of more connections with other community

organizations, lobbying for trail crossing signs on provincial highways, and solar powered 'human crossing' signs with wireless internet access information links.

"Creation of an international data base for history books, guides, promotional and marketing material" received six votes, with suggestions to identify, promote and market the diversity of the area and to collect data to develop guide and history books.

AIHT program evaluation received five votes, showing a need to develop a measuring and evaluation tool to determine if programs are successful.

Environmental stewardship was given four votes, with an environmental awareness campaign for trail users, targeted at specific locations and actions, and signage indicating location of recycling facilities.

Watchable wildlife, with two votes, suggested boreal birding, with development of observation and access routes to birding areas, and links with birding clubs.

Provision of signage directing trail users to wireless internet access received only one vote, with a suggestion that signage identify the current access points, working with local businesses.

Riverland Recreational Trail Society will mark their 10th anniversary at their April 20 Annual Meeting in St. Paul.

Bale processor stolen

By Cst. N. K. FEHR

Elk Point RCMP

Sometime between the night of March 23 and the morning of March 26, a bale processor was taken from a farm located northwest of Elk Point. The bale processor is described as being an orange 1997 Highland 7700.

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Dowhan performing at fundraiser

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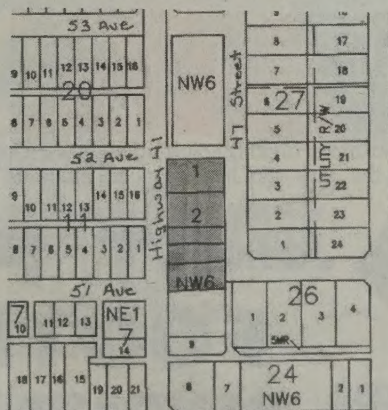
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Please TAKE NOTICE that on April 27, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Council Chambers of the Town of Elk Point in the Town's Administration Office located at 4914-50 Avenue, a Public Hearing will be held to hear from anyone who feels they may be affected by the proposed amendment.

Anyone wishing to be heard either directly or on someone else's behalf may make oral representation at the Public Hearing. Written submissions are acceptable and must be delivered prior to the Public Hearing to the Administration Office address indicated above.

At the Public Hearing, the Mayor shall direct to hear representation first from the applicant, then from those property owners who claim to be directly affected by the proposed disposal, followed by any other person who wishes to make representation.

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Town of Elk Point

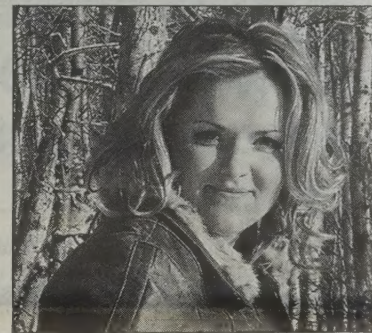
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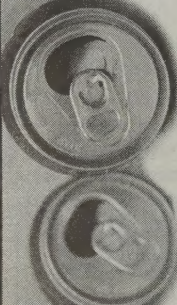
Lisa Warawa photos

Elk Point Jack and Jill Playschool instructor Erin Mohyluk and her students enjoyed their preparations for the Easter bunny's visit at the school's Easter party.

Lions kick off 2009 season tonight

BY MIKE POMERLEAU
Review Contributor

The St. Paul Lions will kick off their 2009 season this Tuesday. The Lions will hold a team meeting and then commence speed training as they prepare for spring camp, which is set to begin in May. Anyone interested in playing for the Lions this year should attend the meeting on Tuesday. It will take place at St. Paul Regional High School at 7 p.m.



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Playschool smooths transition from home to kindergarten

BY LISA WARAWA

Elk Point Jack and Jill Playschool Association

Full-time kindergarten is on the horizon, therefore playschool is playing an increasingly important role in a child's education. It would be a major adjustment for a child to go from home to a five-day-a-week kindergarten program. This is the potential result if there is no playschool.

Elk Point Jack and Jill Playschool currently offers an early childhood development program licensed by Alberta Children and Youth Services. Our goal is to provide children, ages three to five, with a warm and safe environment that supports a balance of learning and socializing. The combination of our play-based learning environment and literacy program will help transition the children from home to school while promoting a positive attitude toward school.

Our instructor is certified by Alberta Children and Youth Services and our program focuses on the positive development of the children's emotional, social, physical, cultural and intellectual well-being.

We would like to raise awareness that the Playschool is in a precarious position due to having to find a new home, decreased revenue from working bingos and lower student enrolment. We also hope that this might increase our enrolment for the upcoming year thus easing our financial burden.



Fuzzy chicks and brightly coloured eggs went into baskets donated by Tammy Elkow and the County of St. Paul FCSS as the Jack and Jill Playschool students enjoyed their Easter party last week.

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Communication key in coaching game

Little by little the snow is finally disappearing, we can actually now see the infield of the ball diamond now, so you know ball season is almost here. Last week we had soccer registration, ball registration is going on tomorrow night, Wednesday from 4 pm to 8 pm at the library. That's interesting, the library. Hey, that reminds me of the number of times when we used to phone my son at Olds College, and his room mates would always say he was down at the library. That's my boy, always studying.

This weekend we will be having our annual umpire clinic, Saturday and Sunday at the arena, umpires are always needed and it's a great way to make a few bucks. And of course coaches will be needed as well, because without them there just isn't a team. Coaching can be rewarding but also

challenging at times. Sometimes it's just a matter of communication.

Last week, you will recall we had a chapter on "The Makeup Artists" and "Billy The Barber", today's



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BASSETT**

Review Sports

chapter in our new upcoming book is called "Communication Breakdown". I will relate it to you now.

Back in 1994 when I was coaching the Pee wee Blades hockey team we had a fairly decent team and had beaten out Redwater in the first round of provincials. Shaun Moroziuk our captain, and he and his assistants Bradley Pankiw and Johnny Quinney were our top guns.

Each of them had the ability to score two, three goals or more per game. Ben Poulin was our only goalie and doing a great job, almost like Rolie the Goalie - no breaks for this guy. My son Jordan and Nathan Matthews were first year peewees on the blue line, but some games they played up as well depending on the situation.

Johnny had been suspended for a game, so we decided to play a league game on Friday night against the weakest team in the league, Grand Center, to use up the suspension before going to Lamont the next day on Saturday in our second round of provincials. Friday morning I called an early morning practice at 7 am and all the boys showed up. After practice I talked to them about sitting out Shaun and Brad as well as John, that way none of the

big three could possibly get hurt or suspended and it would give the other guys a little more ice time, just in case we had to shorten the bench during our provincial game against Lamont the next day.

Great plan, the boys were all excited and off they went to school.

There was only one problem with my little plan, we didn't tell the parents, so that night after the first period, we are down by a half dozen goals, Marshall Moroziuk comes to me at the intermission and said that Al was waiting for me in the lobby and was just a little upset. He thought I had benched Brad and couldn't understand why, especially since Brad got up at 6 am that day to make it to practice. Brad wasn't benched, of course, but Al didn't know that, and it took some stuttering and lots explaining.

It was good lesson learned by myself. The moral of the story, even if you think you know what you're doing, always communicate with your players' parents, they will understand and support you, or at least give you some feedback before you shoot yourself in the foot.

We did beat Lamont the next day by a goal, but they came right back and beat us in the second game by two and our provincial run was done, but it was great fun while it lasted.

A big happy birthday today going out to a big Oilers fan, Jim Vinge, I'm thinking he's not too happy with his coach right about now and would like to sit down with him for a little communication. Also happy birthday to and to Bantam Avalanche player Dakota Amyotte - hope he's not too bored now that the hockey season is over.

And now for the K.A. Campbell quote of the week. "Staszak faded faster than a tan in Toledo." Last weeks answer to: "The hockey lockout has been settled. They've finally stopped bickering and they can get down to some serious bloodshed." Conan O'Brien. Do you have any scoops? Now you can email them to sportshound007@hotmail.com

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Letestu signs a two-year extension with Pittsburgh Penguins

By MIKE POMERLEAU
Review Contributor

Elk Point native Mark Letestu signed a two-year contract extension with the Pittsburgh Penguins, the team announced on March 27. Terms of the deal were not available.

Letestu, who was set to become a restricted free agent in the off-season, will now instead stay on with the Penguins organization until 2011. Letestu was unavailable for comment.

Letestu has played all season with the Penguins AHL affiliate, the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins and has enjoyed a breakout year with the team. He is currently third on the team in scoring with 23 goals and 58 points and is a +11 in 69 games this season, as of April 4. He has also been on a scoring tear as of late, as he has eight points (four goals, four assists) in his last 10 games.

Letestu was also named the Penguins American Specialty/AHL Man of the Year award, for his outstanding contributions to the community during the 2008-09 season. As a result, Letestu is now a nominee for the AHL's 2008-09 Yanick Dupre Memorial Award, which honors the overall American Specialty/AHL Man of the Year.

Letestu, Penguins start playoffs

Any team that has 104 points is usually a favorite to win in the playoffs, but the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins will be an underdog going in. The Penguins finished the AHL regular season last weekend with a 49-25-3-5 record and will be the number three seed in the East Division entering the Calder Cup playoffs. They'll take on the Bridgeport Sound Tigers in the first round, who finished with two more points than the Penguins. For a full schedule, go to www.theahl.com. Elk Point native Marc Letestu, who plays with the Penguins, had himself a great regular season, and recorded 61 points (24 goals, 37 assists) in 73 games this year.

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Local playschools face challenging road

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She adds the most obvious issue is finding a home.

And it's not just availability, says Nunweiler, but also paying rent for a space when it is found and licensing issues, which limits the type of space the society can use. Without knowing the society has a stable home, "we can't plan from year to year."

To add to the society's financial situation, new licensing requirements are coming for playschool instructors, and although one of the current instructors is willing to upgrade her learning to accommodate the changes, higher qualified teachers means higher salaries will have to be paid to those instructors.

"We can't afford to run basically," says Nunweiler. The society tries to keep its fees low, so that all parents can afford to send their child to playschool. The society's revenue comes from fees and working bingos, she adds. Some fundraisers are organized, and some money is received from the County of St. Paul FCSS.

"Up to now, we haven't qualified for any grants," she explains. Nunweiler believes that many people mistakenly believe

playschools are funded through the school system. She further adds that since the group is not longer located with St. Paul Elementary students, many people think the playschool no longer exists, which also isn't the case.

The society has had offers from a few different organizations for space, but so far, due to a variety of reasons, none have worked out. Nunweiler adds that the best case scenario for the playschool would be to be located in a St. Paul Education Regional Division building.

As for the Elk Point playschool, the group was notified at the end of last year's school year that there wouldn't be space for the children in September of 2008. The classroom space was required for the students attending the school.

"We actually thought that we weren't going to find (a home)," says Lisa Warawa, President of the Elk Point Jack and Jill Playschool Association. Then, the Elks offered the association some space. But, the association has now gone from paying \$120/month rent to \$500/month with a \$100/month rebate.

"We're very happy in our new home,"

says Warawa.

The Elks have said they would rebate the association \$100/month for as long as they can, but the increase in financial costs have created a need for the association to seek corporate sponsorships from both large and small businesses in the area. More funding will have to be sought to finish next year. Bingos worked by the association have been bringing in a significantly lower amount of funds, said Warawa.

Both Warawa and Nunweiler believe playschool offers children a valuable experience.

"There's a whole lot of reasons parents send their children to playschool," says Nunweiler. She adds that socialization and the opportunity for children to take direction from someone new is important. "Our program is a structured, early learning program."

"I think (playschool) is hugely impor-

tant," says Warawa, especially with full-time kindergarten programs becoming more popular. "How do you take these kids from home, and throw them into a full-time kindergarten?"

Most recently, the St. Paul Playschool Society has sent a letter to all current, former, and future parents, caregivers, and students who have attended the playschool. The letter requests people send their own personal letters to either SPERD, the MLA, or the Minister of Education expressing why they believe the St. Paul Playschool Society is important.

The society offers a few points to include, such as playschool offering children "accurate assessment of their learning abilities prior to entering Kindergarten," and stressing the fact that a partnership between SPERD and the playschool would subsequently encourage parents to send students to schools within SPERD.

Envisioning rural community sustainability

Community sustainability is a much-debated topic, but one not often approached from a visual perspective.

Considering that sight is a large part of how people understand the world around them, Patricia Macklin, research officer with Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development, decided to focus her graduate research on rural community sustainability using cameras.

"To just approach people and ask them to discuss sustainability in their community would be a little overwhelming," says Macklin. "Getting people to take photos puts the topic in the very real context of daily life, and that is really what community sustainability is all about."

Community sustainability encompasses the qualities that make people want to live in a place and raise families there.

"As part of this research project, 23 disposable cameras were distributed to a variety of Viking community members, ranging in age from 13 to 86. The resulting photographs demonstrated that, collectively, all five dimensions of sustainability

- economic, environmental, social, cultural and governance - were addressed," says Macklin. "This points to the importance of involving a range of individuals when engaging in sustainability planning in order to achieve the most complete picture of a community's sustainability."

Macklin cautions that it isn't as straightforward as bringing together a diverse group of people. "Though people may observe the same physical structures and landscapes, the meanings they attach to them can be very different," she notes.

"An example would be the Viking water tower, a piece of infrastructure that appeared in several photographs. The town of Viking gets its water from Edmonton."

For some, the water tower represented a safe, secure water supply which was an advantage in attracting people and industry to the community. To others it represented a hindrance to new industry due to the high cost of that water. A few were uneasy about the loss of community control over a vital resource."

This one example shows

clearly that a single point of visual reference does not represent a common understanding.

Another key finding is that while community development has often been equated with economic development, members of a community are as equally emphatic about the social dimension as they are the economic dimension of sustainability.

"These are things that result in attraction and attachment to the community; and having pride in it," says Macklin. "Other social aspects people talked about included working together to achieve community projects and volunteering in local organizations. Community sustainability will always be a multi-faceted concept, and while for each community all the dimensions should come into play, the manner in which they do so will be unique to the community. Though citizen engagement can be a challenging and even frustrating process, it is a necessary one. The first issue of community sustainability is having a community to sustain."

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Farmers face uncertainty and falling prices as they prepare to seed crops

St. Paul County farmers are facing a lot of uncertainty as they prepare to seed their crops in the coming weeks amid a global recession.

"The game has changed completely from this time last year," says Provincial Crop Analyst Charlie Pearson, with Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development (ARD). "The collapse of world financial markets is affecting everything, including agriculture here in Alberta. The credit crunch is making it tougher for grain buyers to finance shipments of grain from farms to world markets. And grain prices have plunged more than 30 per cent from record highs last summer. That's a significant drop."

Input costs like fertilizer have fallen from record highs, too - but not far enough, creating a potential cost-price squeeze that is adding more risk and worry as area producers struggle to budget for a profit this year, says Pearson.

Volatile Prices Increase Risk

Where crop and input prices may end up between now and harvest is impossible to predict. "Things could go in either direction - good or bad. Our best guess is grain prices will fall a bit lower. We don't anticipate any major drops or increases in price, but no one can say for sure what lies ahead."

A drought in western Canada or somewhere else in the world that impacts grain supplies - or a spike in energy prices that reignites demand for ethanol could push grain prices higher, he explains. On the other hand, perfect weather and bumper crops worldwide, or a deepening of the recession that drives consumer demand lower and makes credit harder to access, could chew away at prices even more.

The challenge for local farmers is to avoid getting bogged down in all the negativity, says Pearson. "We can't control the world economy. All we can do is accept that we're in risky times, and then get down to the business of managing that risk and focus on being profitable."

Cautious Optimism

He's convinced producers who are disciplined with their budgets and keeping costs low stand a good chance of turning a profit this year. "I think there's room for cautious optimism. After all, \$9/bu for canola is still pretty decent compared to the \$6/bu we've often seen over the last 10 years. Of course, Mother Nature will have to cooperate. Weather is always the biggest risk when it comes to farming."

Pearson advises producers to consider locking in some profit margins this spring by signing forward contracts that offer locked-in prices for grain delivered in the fall. "Because what if you don't take \$9/bu for canola today and the price drops to \$8/bu this fall," he says.

April 30 Crop Insurance Deadline

"Once you've locked in some margin, it's also important to look at ways of managing risk with tools like crop insurance," adds Pearson, reminding producers of the April 30 deadline to purchase crop insurance in Alberta. "Each producer has to assess the risk that's out there this year and decide whether they can handle it themselves, based on their credit situation - or if they'd sleep better by offsetting some of that risk with insurance."

Jerry Tchir says he's doing what he does every year to manage risk and be profitable. He has forward priced some canola in case prices dip lower this fall, and is being extra vigilant about keeping costs down. But Tchir, who grows 1,500 acres of canola, wheat, barley, and oats near Vilna, says he's more concerned about the risk of bad weather than the global recession this year. "People still have to eat, and countries like China are starting to buy more of our grain again, so I don't think prices will slip too much further." With input costs like fertilizer still high, Tchir says crop insurance is critical to help cover his losses if he ends up with a wreck. "Whether it's hail, frost, or something else, I know my input costs are covered and my bills will be paid."

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Forts featured in spring, summer events

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Fort George and Buckingham House will be the focal point of multiple events again this spring and summer.

The first of these is the Riverland Challenge, which this year combines with another event to include the Fur Factor challenges as part of the program.

This year's course for the May 30 event starts at the Elk Point River Park, where participants will launch their canoes and head east down the river to the landing below Fort George and Buckingham House. After hauling their canoes up the new access route to the parking lot, then run or hike for five kilometres through the historic sites, taking part in fur trade-style challenges along the way before they hop on bicycles for a 15-km ride along scenic backroads, returning to the FGBH Interpretive Centre to enjoy a hearty meal.

The season's second event is the Saskatoon Festival, which is growing and improving each year, with craft sales and demonstrations, a saskatoon bake-off and activities for the younger set as well as the tasty saskatoon treats that give the event its name. This year's festival is slated for Saturday, July 18.

Site supervisor Ross Stromberg hopes that an added attraction that day will be the dedication of a plaque honouring the memory of those who were buried on the site during the years the forts were in operation.

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The events wrap up with the music and fun of the annual Forts des Prairies Jamboree on Aug. 30.

Stromberg is busy getting ready for the season, and will soon be training staff. Two former staff members were among those who applied for positions at FGBH this year, he told the Friends of the Forts at their March 17 meeting.

School bookings are coming in, and Stromberg says he is "looking at a slightly different way of doing things, with activity days featuring orienteering, bird watching and "a whole variety" of other special events. A schedule of the activity days will be posted on the website for the convenience of both visitors to the area and local residents

who wish to bring their visiting friends and relatives to the forts to enjoy the added attractions.

The Friends meet again this Thursday at Elk Point Municipal Library at 7 p.m.

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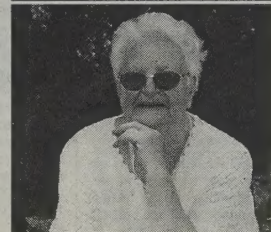
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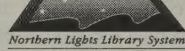
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Farmers face uncertainty

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Price Protection

With so much uncertainty around grain prices, Chris Dyck says a lot of producers are paying attention to a crop insurance option called the Spring Price Endorsement (SPE) this year. It protects against price drops of 10-to-50 per cent between the spring and fall, explains Dyck, Senior Manager of Insurance Operations for Agriculture Financial Services Corporation (AFSC), the provincial Crown Corporation that administers crop insurance in Alberta.

The SPE is based on a spring insurance price set for each crop in January. "We've seen a lot of volatility

since then, and producers are realizing the price on many crops won't have to drop much further to trigger an SPE payment this fall. Barley has already dropped so low, it would trigger a payment unless the price rebounds by the fall," he says.

If crop prices do bounce back and climb 10-to-50 per cent above the spring price by fall, Dyck says a built-in feature called the Variable Price Benefit will automatically insure producers at those higher prices if their crops fail. "That's especially important if you're forward contracting because if you don't get a crop, you may still have to honour those contracts at the higher fall price."

Record Hail

In addition to the price risk this year, many producers are crossing their fingers for a healthy dose of spring rain, he says, noting soil conditions are dry across much of the province. And a growing number of

people are requesting the Hail Endorsement rider with their insurance as a result of record hail that has battered Alberta crops for three years straight, he adds. "You never really know what problems will arise each year. Drought and hail are the two producers worry about most," says Dyck, explaining crop insurance covers a wide range of weather risks, plant disease, insects, and wildlife damage.

As producers assess their risk this spring, Dyck says there are some important changes to crop insurance for 2009. Two new crops can now be insured: canary seed and camelina. And due to the high cost of seed, fuel and fertilizer, payments under the Reseeding Benefit and Unseeded Acreage Benefit will increase. Producers with questions about crop insurance can contact an AFSC insurance office or the call centre at 1-888-786-7475 before the April 30 deadline.

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Superintendent Doug Yeo touched many lives

'Kids are worth whatever it takes'

By SHAUNA BURKE
Review Contributor

Doug Yeo was a man that not only touched many lives but made a positive, long-lasting difference in the community. On April 1, he unexpectedly died of a heart attack at the age of 56.

As Superintendent of Schools, Yeo was a leader that brought cohesion and understanding to a culturally and religiously diverse educational community, said one of his fellow co-workers at a memorial service held last week.

"He wasn't Mennonite, Hutterite, Catholic, French, or Aboriginal, but he was a staunch advocate of cultural, linguistic and religious diversity in education," said Darrell Youngmans, chairman of the St. Paul Education Regional Division board of trustees. An estimated 560 people attended the service last Wednesday evening at the St. Paul Regional High School gymnasium.

"He broke barriers for our people," said Cliff Cardinal at the memorial service. "He was true to me and true to our people." Cardinal then played the drums and sang in Yeo's honour.

Yeo's passion toward children and their education was also noted.

"Kids are worth whatever it takes," was Yeo's motto and was displayed on pins and passed out at the service.

"He did not believe in leaving any kids behind and was very proud of the outreach and counselling programs established within the division for those students facing additional challenges," said Youngmans.

Like many effective leaders, Yeo balanced compassion and expectations. The "compassionate side of Doug shone through strongly whenever staff was in need. His staff has told me about how Doug was always the one wanting to send out flowers and cards and how he would always offer a shoulder to lean on when someone was experiencing per-

sonal difficulties. It was known that if staff asked if he had time, his response was: 'I always have time,'" said Youngmans. However, "If Doug had something to tell you, he laid it on the line, he pulled no punches, he told you exactly what he was thinking, and he expected and respected the same from everyone else."

Yeo was also remembered for his mischievous and competitive nature. "When his old country Saskatchewan Roughriders finally won the Grey Cup last year, Rider paraphernalia had a strange way of showing up in every nook and cranny of the office," Youngmans laughed.

"Doug was quite competitive and we had many verbal jousting matches about the game of golf, but there was nothing more rewarding to him than to be able to beat his nephew, Shane, even just on one hole," said his brother-in-law Gilbert St. Arnault, during the memorial service.

In 1957 when Yeo was five years of age, his family moved from his birth place at North Battleford, Sask, to Aberdeen, a town with a pioneering atmosphere. Along with his older brother, Norman, and a younger sister, Jeri-Lynn, he learned the value of hard work.

"He was never sidetracked by pretense and he was always willing to roll up his sleeves and do the tasks that needed to be done. Doug's brother explains that these qualities are what he feels attracted others to him," said his brother-in-law Mike Dunnigan in a speech at the memorial service.

Yeo was an excellent judge of character, which served him well in hiring quality staff for the school division. It was during a job interview in 1992 that he met his wife Carolyn. "During the interview she found Doug quite easy to talk to and somewhat handsome. As Carolyn says, she didn't get the job but she got the man. They were married on Dec. 30, 1993," Dunnigan recalled. "From that day, Doug started and fulfilled his roll as stepfather and friend to Carolyn's children Curtis, Danielle and Charis. They have many fond memories of weekends at the cabin at Turtle Lake, Sask."

Yeo underwent a quadruple heart bypass in 2003 and colon surgery in 2006. He was looking forward to his retirement and to spending more time with Carolyn in their new home in Phoenix, Arizona. However, as St. Arnault said, God works in mysterious ways.

"Doug surrounded himself with good, excellent and genuine people," said his wife Carolyn. "The size of the crowd at his memorial is an overwhelming testament to Doug's character, his life and what he stood for. Thank you all for your love prayers and concern. They give me strength at this difficult time."



Superintendent of Schools Doug Yeo passed away suddenly as the result of a heart attack on April 1, just months before his planned retirement. He will be sadly missed by students and school staff across the St. Paul Education Regional Division No. 1.

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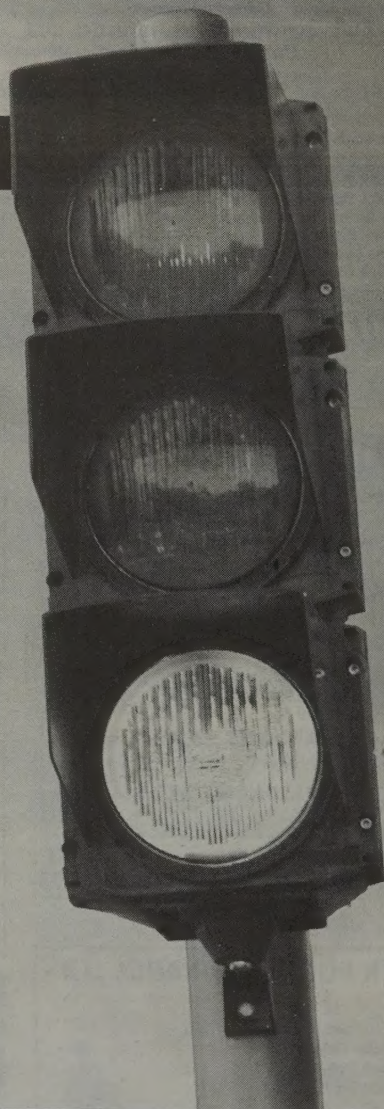
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